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Recommended Items for Observation in Mediterranean

1. Cyprus operations building was planned on the hypothesis that Mediterranean staff can be reduced to a total of sixty-five or so. Does it seem that such reduction will be possible?

2. [] indicates little possibility of recruiting linguists on Cyprus, and Cairo recruiting has not been encouraging. Should we initiate immediate stateside recruitment in Soviet satellite languages?

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3. Should we plan to send over Americans for most of the editorial staff?

4. [] families are close friends. Will [] want to return with [] If so, replacement should be ordered over well in advance to get acquainted.

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5. Is [] competent for responsibilities of present position? When publication is eliminated, should he become a sort of Chief Editor, an editor in charge of one shift or just chief of the Arabic section?

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6. Do [] believe that with the move the lag between broadcast and filing time can be reduced by eliminating double translation, retyping and arbitrary work hours at least for the most part?

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7. When will [] need technicians for internal installation? When will Cyprus be activated? Will [] have learned enough about FBIB operations to handle the new station? Should he be detailed to the Caversham editorial desk for two months before assuming new duties? Should someone like [] be sent over as his assistant?

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